

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE
UNITED STATES**

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN RE:) Docket No. 556
) Order No. 29/2019
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION'S)
PETITION FOR RECERTIFICATION)
OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND)
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ORDER

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2018, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Viya (hereinafter "VITELCO" or "Viya") filed a request with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, "PSC" or the "Commission") for recertification of its Universal Service Fund (hereinafter, "USF") eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter "FCC") rules; and

WHEREAS, in PSC Order No. 17/2019 the Commission ordered that:

1. The Technical Consultants' report is adopted.
2. By December 1, 2018, VITELCO file an updated Five-Year Plan on the assumption that USF funding at approximately the same level as before the hurricanes will be available for the next five years.
3. VITELCO's request for recertification of its USF eligibility in the United States Virgin Islands is **APPROVED**; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Commission met in regular session, the commission discussed VITELCO's failure to submit its Universal Fund Five-Year Plan and the granted VITELCO an extension until January 15, 2019, to submit its Five-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019, VITELCO filed a confidential and redacted petition with the Commission seeking confidential treatment of certain information contained in the interim update to USF Five-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2019, VITELCO filed an update to its petition for confidential treatment of its Interim Update Universal Fund Five-Year Plan, a confidential and redacted version was submitted; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the Commission held a Regular Meeting at its office located at No. 1003 Estate Ross, Suite 4, Barbel Plaza on the island of St. Thomas, United Virgin Islands and via teleconference at the Virgin Islands Port Authority's conference room located at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; and

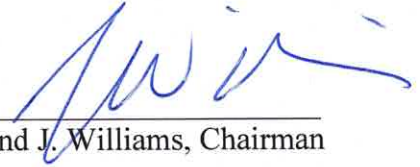
WHEREAS, the Commission heard witness testimony from Viya and GCG, and

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to approve Viya's request for confidential treatment; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission APPROVES Viya's request for confidential treatment.

So Ordered.

For the Commission,



Raymond J. Williams, Chairman

Date: **February 7, 2019**